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¶1. In response to reftel, Econoff delivered talking points to New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). MFAT's initial response was favorable to both the candidacy of the United States to the Council of Administration (CA) and Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the GNZ supports the policy of continuing zero nominal growth disciplines in the UPU budget. MFAT has subsequently responded to demarche through diplomatic note. Text of DipNote follows in para 2. The DipNote has also been emailed to IO/T - Chris Wood.

¶2. Begin text of diplomatic note:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to advise that the Government of New Zealand will support the candidatures of the Government of the United States of America for election to the Council of Administration (CA) and the Postal Operations Council (POC) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) at the elections to be held during the 24th UPU Congress in Geneva from 23 July to 12 August 2008.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has the further honour to advise that New Zealand is also seeking re-election to the Postal Operations Council at the upcoming UPU Congress. The Government of New Zealand would greatly appreciate the support of the Government of the United States of America for New Zealand's candidature.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Wellington  
26 June 2008

End text.

¶3. While no promises or conditions for obtaining New Zealand's support were discussed when demarche initially delivered, Post would appreciate any information/instructions State can provide in response to GNZ's request for support of its candidature to the POC of the UPU.  
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